

HIGHLIGHTS FOR BIG HEADS

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RECRUITMENT

The biggest news since Annual in Chicago continues to be recruitment. We have filled four professional positions in Technical Services in the past two years....quite a change from the last 15 years when we lost 12 positions. We were finally able to hire a Middle East Studies Librarian. Roberta (Robin) Dougherty, currently Head of Collection Development in the Main Library at American University in Cairo, will begin March 1. We were also able to hire Jill Emery for a new position of Head Librarian, Serials and Electronic Resources Department. Jill, currently Director of the Electronic Resources Program at the University of Houston Libraries, will begin May 15.

RETIREMENTS

Robert (Bob) Stewart has announced his retirement effective April 28. We all wonder what we'll do without him. He is Mr. UTCAT. He was instrumental in creating our local online catalog and continues to maintain and enhance it.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

Technical Services has created a Technical Services Planning Team to review our current routines and make recommendations on revamping our work flow and staffing patterns.